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may not be aware of because it does not take place on the floor, other dynamics enter into the mix, and discussions are had, agreements are reached, which are tentative, because others whose cooperation may be necessary have not participated in the negotiations at that point. But some work is being done which is aimed at resolving the sticking point in this bill. I want to do a bit more checking before I decide to fold my hand, which I think is a winning one. I'd like to ask Senator Bourne a question or two.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, there have been some discussions, and I'm not going to ask you the nature of them, about the problems that we talked about yesterday. Is that true?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Oh, and one other thing. Does it seem that progress, action that could be deemed progress, may be taking place?

SENATOR BOURNE: Most definitely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I'm still going to let the motion hang there for a short time at least, because I've got to talk to Senator Wehrbein if he's here, but I don't want to do it on the mike. So are there any other lights on?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Yes, there are. Three.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I will say at this point. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next speaker is Senator Combs, to be followed by Senator Baker and Senator Smith. Senator Combs.